

WAR DEPARTMENT
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WASHINGTON

29 November 1945

Dear General Valdes:

Colonel Andrews and Major Villamor brought to me, in Washington, together with your letter of 28 July, the Wings awarded me by the Philippine Air Force. I am delighted that I should have been remembered by my old friends in the Philippines in this unusual way.

Needless to say I send to you and all others in the Armed Forces of the Philippine Islands my sincere wishes for success in the problems lying ahead of you. They will be difficult to solve but one thing is certain - they can be solved only through effort and optimism; inaction and pessimism get nowhere.

To all of you, the best of luck - and with warm personal regard,

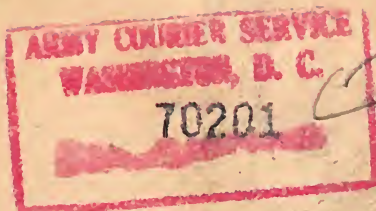
Sincerely,

Dwight D. Eisenhower

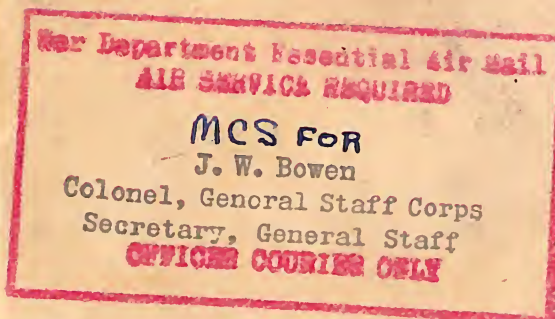
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